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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR FBI DEPUTY DIRECTOR JOHN PISTOLE

Classified By: Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone,
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S) The Egyptians, and I, will warmly welcome you to Cairo. Despite strains in the relationship over the past several months, our partners cooperation with the State Security Investigative Service (SSIS), which is under the auspices of Minister of Interior Habib Al Adly (you have s

2. (S) Mubarak, who turned 79 in May, remains a symbol of stability in the Middle East. As ever, he sees Egypt's interests on the most critic influence.

3. (S) You will arrive in the midst of a high profile internal political development - the ruling party's leadership re-instatement conference truly democratic process in place to legitimize a successor. Stung by the advances of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) in the 2005 parliamentary ele

4. (SBU) Egypt is an ally in the GWOT, and we maintain close cooperation on a broad range of counter-terrorism and law enforcement issues, inc to the vigilance and effectiveness of the Egyptian security services. The Egyptian government's active opposition to Islamist terrorism and ef Egypt's northern Sinai region is a haven for the smuggling of arms and explosives into Gaza, and a transit point for Gazan Palestinians. Palest bilateral relationships. The apparent recent radicalization of some Sinai Bedouin may possibly be linked in part to these smuggling networks a

5. (SBU) Egypt's police and domestic security services continue to be dogged by persistent, credible allegations of abuse of detainees. Prosec impunity. Prosecutors have only filed human rights-related charges against one SSIS officer since 1986. (Note: SSIS is the elite Interior Mi the government closed the human rights NGO that had provided advocacy and support to the surviving family members of the alleged victim. A new